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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : PATENT
Heinz Metzger :
Serial No.: 10/532,116 : Art Unit: 3677
Filed: April 21, 2005 : Examiner: F. Saether
For: **THREADED RING FOR LOCKING
ON A THREADED SPINDLE (Amended)** :

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the December 4, 2006 Notice of Allowability indicating for the first time in connection with the above-identified application that a certified copy of the priority document has not been filed, applicant requests reconsideration. Since this application is the U.S. national phase of an International application, such priority document should have been forwarded by the International Bureau.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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